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Dear Town of Rockport Planning Board Members,

I am writing to express our support for the Rockport Harbor Hotel. We were fortunate enough to supply and erect the structural steel for this project. From the moment I saw the plans I knew we wanted to work on this project. I wanted to be a part of this building project because I knew that this would be the nicest looking building we have built in our 52 years of doing business in our area. Our steel supplier and engineers were equally interested as they too really liked the looks of the building with all the brick arches and balconies and that it was an unusual shape with many different base elevations. It was challenging but with input from Tyler and Stu, John Hansen Architect, Gartley and Dorsky Engineers and Surveyors, Rockport Steel, and our Engineers from Varco Pruden/Bluescope, the steel fit together like a glove.

Now when I see the brick and granite façade and the building in place it looks like it belongs there. It is unfortunate that this has ended up in court so many times and has been a total waste of money for the town and the Smith's. The only ones making money on this are the lawyers. If the so called "Friends of Rockport" really cared about the town and have an abundance of money, perhaps they will reimburse the town of Rockport for your legal expenses when this is all over.

I do not see that there is any parking problem especially since they have offsite parking similar to what other hotels have across the country where they are built in tight spaces.

Nothing against the new library but this is probably the nicest looking building in Rockport and is built to withstand time. This building will be here for generations to come and I sure hope that my Great-Great Grandkids can see what I was once a proud part of. Please vote in favor of this project for all 26 rooms and put this to rest.

Sincerely,

John S Davee, President